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For Roger.

Regarding proposal augment present small radio communications unit (Deptel 581 March 31 and Embtel 698 April 5), Director American Dept. Foreign Ministry has asked ~~telephonically~~ if anything can be done expedite replies to still unsettled portions proposed exchange of notes. Embassy explained delays due desire cover jurisdiction aspect all U.S. Forces Taiwan under one status forces agreement, of which U.S. preparing proposal for text for submission Government Republic China soonest practicable. Foreign Ministry official then made clear willing leave jurisdiction to larger overall settlement, now interested other matters still pending such as title to equipment after group departs, supplying raw data, duration agreement, etc. As for raw data Embassy reiterated this impossible and clarified his having confused our position here with that regarding electronic countermeasures unit.

Embassy then said it would convey his remarks to Dept.

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but felt certain of U.S. government's disappointment at further delay admission remainder group in interests joint defense and in light current tension and pressing need for information augmented group could provide.

More or less simultaneously, Ministry National Defense liaison officer informed Air Attache they would not agree to increase of unit until had reply regarding their receipt of product and regarding disposal equipment after unit's eventual departure.

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Asst. Sec. concurs.